

APPROVE OF TABERNACLE.

Board of Standards and Appeals Accepts Plans With a Provision.

The plans for the Billy Sunday Tabernacle at Broadway and One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Street have been approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals with the proviso that the building shall not be used for more than three months and shall have adequate exit facilities.

The Building Department rejected the plans, holding they called for a structure too large to be safely constructed of non-fireproof material. The appeal was rushed because of the necessity for the completion of the building by April 1.

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FATHER OF LEWIS PLANS INQUIRY TO CLEAR SON'S NAME

Will Spare No Money to Ascertain if Suicide Actually Killed Pretty Model.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5.—The name of Bernard Wesley Lewis is to be cleared, if possible, of actual connection with the murder of Mazie Colbert, or Grace Roberts. Wenman A. Lewis, father of the young spendthrift, to-day planned an investigation with the hope of learning whether or not his son's suicide was an act denoting guilt or one of hysteria.

He hopes his son had no connection with the crime and money will not be spared in the inquiry. The wealthy retired coal magnate is prepared to spend a goodly part of his fortune to bring out the truth.

Mrs. Bernard Lewis was said to be still prostrated by the shock of her husband's death to-day. For a year

the broker and his wife have been estranged and she has made her home with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Fawell of Beechwood Boulevard.

Lewis has been in Pittsburgh very little since the estrangement.

In Warren, Pa., seven years ago, Maizie Colbert declared she would exact from society full compensation because it refused to accept her.

"They will pay; I'll make them or die in the attempt," she is said to have told a girl friend shortly before she left Warren to embark willfully upon the course that brought death to her and Lewis. By "they" she meant society.

Maizie was a waitress in the Exchange Hotel in Warren. There she fell in love with a young millionaire, member of one of the wealthiest and most prominent families in North-western Pennsylvania. The match was broken through the interference of her fiancé's parents.

SCRATCHES ON SUICIDE LEWIS'S HANDS; HAIR CLUTCHED BY MODEL LIKE HIS

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Lewis should have killed himself—that was because he knew he was guilty of killing Miss Roberts. The belief that he committed suicide because of remorse over his arrest on a forgery charge is not logical. That incident took place in Pittsburgh several years ago. He knew that the warrant charging him with beating his taxicab bill was simply a subterfuge to get him in custody for the murder.

The police utterly discard the theory that a third person was present when Miss Roberts was murdered. FIRST SAW GRACE ROBERTS IN A FASHION PARADE.

Asked if they knew how Lewis

made the acquaintance of Miss Roberts, some of the detectives said the two met for the first time at Atlantic City a few days before last Easter Sunday. Philadelphia merchants gave a fashion parade on the Boardwalk, half a dozen of the prettiest models in this part of the country being engaged to display the spring finery for the benefit of thousands of women who spend Easter week at the famous resort.

Grace Roberts was the leading figure in this exhibition. Lewis, the detectives say, saw her sweep by in her stunning costume, and was immediately smitten with her charms. He was introduced to her a few hours later. The detectives say that the

YOUNG PITTSBURGHER WHOSE SUICIDE SOLVES SLAIN MODEL MYSTERY



festivities, in which the models took a prominent part during the nights that followed, established a record for high-powered revelry never before equaled in Atlantic City.

Investigation to-day disproves the theory that Miss Roberts was in financial straits. Detectives say she had \$1,000 in a local savings bank. Capt. Tate said he had heard the report that Wenman Lewis, the wealthy Pittsburgh coal operator and father of the suicide, was on his way to this city. It is understood the elder Lewis is coming here to find out all he can about his son's movements in this city.

SUSPECT FOUND DEAD IN BATHROOM.

The suicide of the young spendthrift was most dramatic. It took place in the bathroom of an apartment in the Statesville in Atlantic City, where detectives had trailed Lewis from Philadelphia. When the detectives broke into the bathroom the young man was dead, his feet being braced against the head of the bathtub. The muzzle of a new .22 calibre rifle with a silencer attachment was near his right temple. His hand was almost touching the trigger.

He had removed his coat and was dressed in a blue shirt, black trousers and shoes. He had stuffed the spaces between his door and the jamb, plugged the keyhole, had crammed paper into the window cracks and hung a towel over the transom of the door as if he might have intended to turn on the gas had the detectives not interrupted.

As he reclined in the bathtub he had placed an extra cartridge on a ledge within reach, apparently to use in case the first bullet failed to kill. On the bureau was a box of cartridges from which the two had been taken. The rifle was new. The detectives heard the pistol shot as they entered the suite.

Detectives declared to-day that Henry Fox, a criminal lawyer, had recognized in Lewis, through newspaper pictures, the young man who two days ago rushed into his office at Norristown and asked to be defended on a charge of murder. The man hired an automobile near Havertford, a suburb of Philadelphia, and was intensely nervous and excited as he talked to the lawyer. The chauffeur has also identified Lewis.

Police acknowledged this afternoon that three weeks ago Miss Roberts received blackmail letters, demanding money. They were turned over to Police Lieutenant Little, who ordered the girl to go up to a designated place, but nothing happened.

A police guard was then stationed around her apartment and had been removed but a few days before her murder.

All day yesterday the police here had searched for Lewis, for whom a warrant had been issued. This warrant charged him with defrauding Edward Powell, the cab driver, of his fare, but the real purpose for which the police wanted his movements in the vicinity of the Wilton, where Grace Roberts lived, early on Friday morning last.

RIVERSIDE DRIVE WOMAN ADMITS POLICE QUIZ IN MODEL CASE

Over the telephone to-day from her apartment at No. 344 Riverside Drive, a Miss Ripley said to an Evening World reporter:

"All I know about the Roberts case has been told to the Philadelphia police. They called me up and made inquiries. You can get all the information from them. I knew both Grace Roberts and Mr. Lewis—that is all I care to say."

It was reported from Philadelphia that Miss Ripley had introduced Miss Roberts to Lewis.

day he was all broken up by the way his name had been brought into the case. He was one of Mrs. Roberts' intimate friends. Several prominent residents of his home town hurried here to console with him over the publicity he has been receiving.

Bernard W. Lewis was thirty-seven years old. He was married and had one child, but had been estranged from his wife since September. He was a member of the class of '01 at Yale, but left the university at the end of his sophomore year.

LEWIS WELL KNOWN IN WHITE LIGHT ZONE; TWICE ARRESTED HERE

Bernard W. Lewis, the suicide suspect in the Grace Roberts murder mystery in Philadelphia, had a career in New York that included two arrests and many exciting experiences. He was well known in the White Light district for a time and had a wide acquaintance in the automobile business. For several months in 1915 and 1916 he was a salesman for the automobile firm of Jacobs R. & L. Company, No. 1767 Broadway.

From the fall of 1915 until July 1916 Lewis lived as a roomer in the flat of a Mrs. Blackman at No. 605 West Eleventh Street, and was a familiar figure in the cafes and saloons of that part of town. He was arrested in July, 1916, and did not return to Mrs. Blackman's. Subsequently he left the automobile concern, saying he was going to Pittsburgh to launch a big moving picture theatre.

Mrs. Blackman told an Evening World reporter to-day that Lewis called her on the telephone about two weeks ago and said he was coming to see her. He appeared the next day, and said he was about to engage in the rubber business and wanted to rent a room. Mrs. Blackman had no room, and Lewis left.

The Evening World reporter learned that Lewis went to another flat in the same house and engaged a room. He said his baggage would come later. The next day the woman who had rented the room to Lewis received information from a caller that Lewis had been in some trouble over a gambling house raided in Seventy-second Street. She asked him for business references, which he promised to produce. He went away and she did not see him again. This was in the early part of last week and it would appear that Lewis went from here to Philadelphia.

Lewis settled in New York after he had been sued in Pittsburgh for \$50,000 by Joseph Ritter, now a resident of New York. The suit grew out of the organization of the Pitt Theatre Company of Pittsburgh, in which Lewis and Ritter were interested.

Lewis was accused in that action of misrepresenting conditions in organizing the company. The suit had never come to trial.

The police records show that a Ber-

nard Lewis was arrested July 4, 1916, at No. 605 West One Hundred and Eleventh Street, on a charge of having stolen an Anglo-French bond worth \$1,000 from Miss Lillian Schrode of No. 630 West One Hundred and Twelfth Street. She told a Magistrate she had entrusted the bond to him to be used in incorporating a cigarette company of which she was to be a member. Lewis made restitution and was discharged in Washington Heights Police Court.

On Oct. 15, 1916, a Bernard Lewis

was arrested as a fugitive from justice, wanted in Pittsburgh on a grand larceny charge. Pittsburgh despatches say this was later dismissed when the family made a settlement.

Lewis was at one time a member of the Wall Street brokerage firm of Moore, Leonard & Lewis, but was dropped more than a year ago, and the firm was reorganized as Moore, Leonard & Lynch.

"We didn't like him," was the only reason Mr. Leonard would give to-day for dropping Lewis.

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